



Black Heritage Council
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

The Black Heritage Council is the only statewide organization in Alabama whose mission is the preservation of historic African American places.

Black Heritage
Council
Preservation
Forum

Celebrating
and Preserving
the Legacy
of Historic
Hobson City

Through Tourism
and Economic
Development



Date: May 29-30, 2009

Historic Calhoun County
Training School, 700 Martin
Luther King Drive, Hobson City

Hobson City

Hobson City is the oldest all black incorporated municipality in Alabama and one of the oldest all black municipalities in the nation.

The town of Hobson City was founded in 1899 after being de-annexed from Oxford. Before then the area was known as Mooree Quarter.

Hobson City was named for Richard P. Hobson from Greensboro, AL, a naval hero in the Spanish American War of "Merrimac Fame" and a representative in the Alabama Legislature.

Today, the town is home to approx. 900 residents and is celebrating its 110th Anniversary.

Sponsors of the event:

BLACK HERITAGE COUNCIL

The only statewide organization dedicated to the preservation of historic African American places.

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HOBSON CITY

A grassroots organization dedicated to improving, preserving and promoting historic Hobson City.

HOBSON CITY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.

A nonprofit group dedicated to the sustainability and revitalization of historic Hobson City.

Friday, May 29, 2009

Schedule

4:00 pm Registration- Historic Calhoun County Training School (Old C.E. Hanna School), 700 Martin Luther King Drive, Hobson City



Historic Calhoun County Training School in Hobson City— Currently houses city offices and town hall

5:00 pm Reception- Join local, state, and national elected officials, community leaders and organizations in the school gymnasium as they gather to kick off the Forum
refreshments will be served

Tour of Hobson City

Walking and driving tour



Old Hobson City Hall

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Schedule

8:30 am Registration

9:00 Hobson City Overview

10:15 Break

10:30 Panel Discussions

- Community/Economic Development Resources
 - East Alabama Regional Planning Commission
 - AL Dept. of Economic & Community Affairs
 - Economic Development, Jacksonville State Univ.
- Tourism resources
 - Alabama Dept. of Tourism and Travel
 - Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce
- Historic Preservation resources
 - National Trust for Historic Preservation
 - Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation
 - Alabama Historical Commission
 - Heir property

12:30 pm Luncheon and Keynote Speaker

1:30

- Educational Resources
 - Tuskegee University Architecture Dept.
- Coalition Building

2:30 Cemetery workshop and tour

Charles Thomas, Eagle Eye Masonry, Birmingham, AL



Rising Star UMC in Hobson City



Sign pointing visitors to cemetery

Registration Form

Before May 22, 2009 - **\$25.00**

After May 22, 2009 - **\$40.00**

includes all meals, workshops and tours

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Organization _____

Make Checks Payable to:

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For more info: call 334.230.2665

Note: Please complete a registration form for each person registering for the Forum.